IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

The method for reformatting a tag-based code containing at least one corresponding beginning and end tag pair generally includes locating each beginning and end tag of the tag-based code, separating distinct tags and data associated therewith into separate lines, maintaining a tag structure state machine for determining a tag structure corresponding to each line, and delineating each line with a representation of a tag structure corresponding to the line based on the state-machine of the tag structure. The tag structure state machine may be a LIFO tag stack into which each beginning tag is inserted upon locating the beginning tag and removed upon locating a corresponding end tag. The delineating may be in the form of a prefix. The separating of distinct tags and data associated therewith into separate lines may generally include placing each beginning tag and any data associated therewith prior to a next beginning tag, if any, on a new line, placing each end tag on a same line as any data associated therewith immediate before the end tag, and initiating a new line each time an end tag is processed if the end of the file is not yet reached.

Please amend the paragraph spanning page 10, lines 11-16, as follows:

As illustrated in FIG. 3B, the process places each beginning tag and any data immediately after the beginning tag and but prior to a next beginning tag, if any, on a new line, as is the case for lines 1, 2, 4, and 5. In addition, the process places an end tag on a same line as any data associated with the tag that appear immediately prior to the end tag, as is the case for lines 2, 5, 6, and 67. Furthermore, each time an end tag is processed, a new line is initiated if the end of the file is not yet reached.